

SOCIAL CHIT-CHAT.

Helena's Upper Crust Forgets Lent for a Night and Applauds Plinlimmon and Emmett.

The Prevalence of Good Taste Among the Ladies of this City in the Matter of Dress.

Tennis Club Organization—Rehearsing for "Erminie"—New York's Centennial Celebration Ball.

Helena is rather young from a social standpoint and the social set too small to have reached the status which Byron graphically pictured when he wrote:

"Society is a new polished horse Form'd of two mighty knees, the horse and the bore."

In Helena everybody knows another who is somebody, and everybody goes where somebody leads. At the theatre the other night one might almost have imagined that the curtain was about to rise on the Metropolitan Opera company instead of a wild and wonderful drama which served the dual purpose of introducing a clever delineator of Tuetonic dialect and his \$5,000 dog, Plinlimmon. All the fashionable world was there, however, and despite the fact that it was Lent they seemed to appreciate the songs, although the acting of the company, with the exception of Mr. Plinlimmon, was below mediocrity. Looking at the assembled congregation or audience I could not help realizing the truth of that impressive doctrine, "All we like sheep have gone astray." Somebody, however, suggested the theatre, so everybody went, and theatrical performances are too few and far between for the average theatre-goer here to have become blasé.

A DISSERTATION ON DRESS.

There is one thing which can be said for Helena society which cannot be said for society in a great many larger cities. The women know how to dress, and dress well. There is a wide distinction between dressing fashionably and dressing in good taste, and there are plenty of women who have got money and wear the very best tailor-made suits which can be turned out, and yet never look well because they are over-dressed. In Helena, however, good taste prevails, and what is more, the young ladies who wear décolleté costumes are satisfied to wear shoulder straps instead of having their dresses hitched on very much in the way that a school boy hangs his hat on a peg when he is in a hurry. In fact, in New York, at the Metropolitan opera house, when the ballet was in full blast, an observing man about town was once heard to remark: "All that one can't see on the stage is on view in the boxes," and it really looks as if the recent objection on the part of the stockholders to have the lights lowered during the performance was a natural objection to the seclusion of nature, even though it meant the furtherance of art.

The stockholders of the Metropolitan opera house are not necessarily rich men, and their wives and daughters possess diamonds, even if nature has not bounteously endowed them with natural charms. Hence they do not want to hide themselves. They come to the opera to be seen, to be seen, to chat and pay calls, and, of course, occasionally to listen to the music; but then they pay all the bills, and the real lovers of music have ceased to regard them in any other light than as a vulgar necessity. As Ben Jonson says:

"Give me a look, give me a face, That makes simplicity a grace, Robes lovely drossing hair as free."

What would he say now, and where would he find simplicity in this age of powder, puff and frillery, when the school girl is a society girl at 17, and the married woman a divorcee at 21? I am no prude, but I do love to see a girl who has not forgotten how to blush at 18, and who will blush at the far too common double entendre or risqué remark.

AT THE CONCERT.

The audiences which assembled to listen to Ovide Musin and his talented company on Friday night and Saturday matinee were thoroughly representative of the best and cultured of Helena society, and the warm appreciation bestowed on these artists will be a pleasant souvenir for them to carry away from the Rocky mountains. When Mr. Musin last visited Helena the audiences which greeted him were in no wise commensurate with this great artist's ability, but those who went were so justly enthusiastic that the return visit was an assured success, and we venture to bet that an overflowing house whenever Mr. Musin shall come again. Mrs. Tanner and Whitney Mockridge are both artists of recognized ability, and Edwin M. Shorter, while laboring under great disadvantages, has in his solos owing to the poor quality of instrument he played on, made amends by his accompaniments, which were faultless. The striking likeness between Mr. Mockridge and Horver Barbour, of Helena, caused quite a little stir in the audience when the former gentleman first appeared upon the stage.

NEW YORK'S THIRTY-TWO.

New York society is very much exercised as to who is and who is not eligible to dance in the opening quadrille at the centennial ball to be given on the 29th of this month at the Metropolitan opera house. It is the intention of the committee having the management of the ball in charge, the secretary of which is no other than the redoubtable leader of the 490, i. e., Ward McAllister, that the opening quadrille shall consist of sixteen couples, including President and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Morton, Gov. Hill and Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Hugh Grant and Mrs. Cleveland, the rest to be selected from those most directly descended from the owner of the little hatchet. The list from which these historically famous people are to be selected is as follows: Mrs. Augustus Van Cortlandt, Mrs. Van Cortlandt, of Croton, Mrs. John Lyon Gardiner, Mrs. William Astor, Mrs. Philip Schuyler, Mrs. Alexander Hamilton, Mrs. John Jay, Mrs. Elbridge T. Gerry, Mrs. Nicholas Fish, Mrs. William C. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Newbold Morris, Mrs. James B. Toler, Mrs. Robert Clarkon, Mrs. Robert R. Livingston, Mrs. H. W. Livingston and Mrs. Dr. Beverly Robinson, and all fashionable New York is at present engaged in searching musty records of long forgotten lore with a hope that their historical and genealogical researches will equip them with hereditary proof of their fitness for being taken into the charmed circle of the thirty-two. It is filial devotion indeed to go back nearly one hundred years to discover that you have a personage in the father of your country, but it is paying him rather a dubious compliment to make all this fuss simply because your wife or daughter wants to dance in a quadrille, and one can well imagine:

"From yon blue heaven above as bent The grand old gardener and his wife Smile at the claims of long descent."

However, the ball will unquestionably be the greatest social event which has taken place in New York for many years. Mrs. Astor has stamped it with the approval of her presence, and Mr. McAllister is not only a manager, but is also the secretary of the committee, so that any dubious applications for tickets will have to pass through a fiery ordeal.

THE LATEST FADS.

One of the latest fads in New York is the liberal use of violet powder and violets.

The former is being put up in sachet form and distributed throughout the ladies' clothing, and the latter are worn for button hole and corsage bouquets. Brown Potter is said to be responsible for this craze, and one dreamy-eyed reporter of the press describes a momentary interview with her "as reminiscent of a breath of fresh country air heavily laden with the perfume of violets." Everything about the interview was, however, fresh—i. e., refreshing. Another novelty, and we trust a rare one—is a bell attachment to that useful and sometimes ornamental article, the inflexible necktie. The motto: "Honi soit qui mal y pense." We can understand a woman hanging a bell about her neck, her waist or even her pet dog, but such an attachment as this seems superfluous unless, indeed, it is a new method of ringing the changes—in her nose.

BRIEF MENTION.

The East Side Tennis club is now an assured thing. The promise of a ground adjoining Hon. Joe Davis' hospitable mansion has already been secured and Messrs. C. F. Power, Geo. Child, R. S. Hill and H. B. Kane have signified their intention of joining. The club will not, therefore, be deficient in good players, and the possibilities of a tournament between the newly established and older club on the west side is pretty well assured. Anyone desiring to join can send in their names to R. S. Hill, who is secretary pro tempore.

The New England society held its monthly meeting Friday evening and took steps towards celebrating the 115th anniversary of the battle of Lexington on April 19th by a debate on the question as to who was the greatest soldier of New England—Ben Butler barred. The society is also arranging for a grand ball on April 25. The rash experiment is to be made by this society of permitting members to read their autobiographies at the regular meetings. The literary society is observing Lent, although informal meetings of the Ladies' Sewing club, from which the former society may be said to have primarily sprung, are held each week. "Hamlet" is being read without a man in the cast, the ladies embodying the various parts. The next meeting of the monthly society will take place after Easter at Mrs. Smede's.

Mr. George Child, stage manager of the forthcoming production of "Erminie"—or, as it will most probably be entitled, "Robert Macaire"—says that the chorus shows the result of excellent training, and that musically he predicts the piece will be a big go. It is a great pity Mr. Child could not have been prevailed upon to play a part himself.

Beyond the theatre on Monday night Helena society has been very quiet. There is some talk of a poker club, to be conducted by ladies on a very limited scale, while the proceeds are to be devoted to charity. Just imagine four girls and a jack-pot, and three standing pat and the missionary society in need of funds.

Ex-Gov. Carpenter's reception on Thursday evening to the legislature was largely attended. Gov. Carpenter with his well known and open hospitality made his presence felt.

Miss Mabel A. Burnham, of Milwaukee, will visit her sister, Mrs. James Harris and Grace Burnham, of 530 South Rodney street.

Miss Lizzie H. Sims, after an absence in the east of five months, has returned to her old home with her sister, Mrs. D. H. Weston.

Mrs. A. V. Potter, of Chicago, is a guest of her niece, Miss Laura King, No. 808 Benton avenue.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

[Anyone seeking information through the medium of this column can obtain the same by writing out the question he or she desires answered, clearly, on one side of the sheet, and signing his or her name in full, which will not be published, but is merely required as a token of good faith.]

Can a gentleman wear a white silk scarf tied in a sailor's knot with full evening dress?

Answer: He can, but he won't. A white lawn tie worn in the shape of a bow, or on some occasions a black satin tie is the only neckwear permissible with a dress suit in good society.

If a man has invited a young lady to go to the theatre some months in advance of the selected entertainment and in the interim the lady in question becomes involved in a matrimonial entanglement, what ought he to do?

Answer: Buy three tickets and look pleasant.

In reply to Horace's query, which is too long and intricate for publication, we would say: Avoid the young lady's society and all publicity in connection with her name, and if this does not effect a cure speak to her mother about her and ask her to appeal to the girl's "amour propre."

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6. An increase of over ten million dollars in assets, over the figures of Jan. 1, 1887.
7. An increase of over eighteen million dollars in insurance written, over the figures of 1887.
8. An increase of sixty million dollars in insurance in force, over the figures of Jan. 1, 1887.
9. A total income, in 1888, of over twenty-five million dollars.
10. Assets, Jan. 1, 1889, over ninety-three million dollars.
11. New insurance written, in 1888, over one hundred and twenty-five million dollars.
12. Insurance in force, Jan. 1, 1889, nearly four hundred and twenty million dollars.

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A MATTER OF OPINION.

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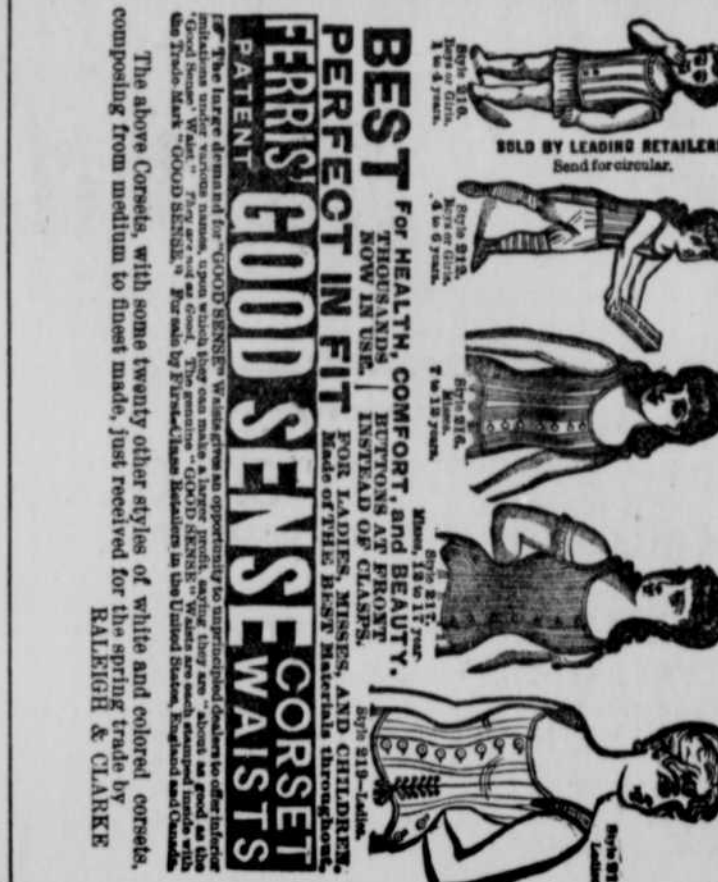
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